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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-62 are pending in the instant application. Claims 22-57 have been withdrawn in a previous action, leaving claims 1, 3-21, and 58-62 for consideration. Claims 1, 3-5, 19, 21, 58-60, and 62 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a). Further, claims 6, 20, and 61 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). The Examiner has indicated that claims 7-18 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner has also indicated that the disclosure is objected to due to informalities. The Applicants have amended the specification as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 1 and 58 have been amended. New claim 63 has been added. The Applicants submit that claims 1, 3-21, and 58-63 are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons presented herein. No new matter has been entered by this amendment.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 102

Claims 1, 3-5, 19, 21, 58-60 and 62 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0181223 A1 to Ryu et al. (hereinafter "Ryu"). Claim 1 has been amended in a non-narrowing manner to recite a light guide plate comprising "a light reflection pattern formed on the first light emission surface, for reflecting light toward the second light emission surface, the light reflection pattern including a plurality of dots, each of the dots *protruding from the first light emission surface*, and having a geometrically regular pattern formed on a corresponding dot." Ryu does not recite these features. Rather Ryu teaches a light guide panel in which a plurality of micro cells are formed on the surface. As shown and described in FIGs. 6a and 6b, a contour of each cell defines an embossment pattern and an intaglio pattern, respectively. Further, Ryu teaches a contour of each

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cell formed on a bottom of a depression defined on the surface of the light guide panel as shown in FIGs. 7a and 7b, whereby the cell is composed of a plurality of micro cells defining an embossment pattern and an intaglio pattern, respectively. Thus, Ryu is devoid of teaching "the dots protruding from the first light emission surface" as recited in Applicants' claim 1. For at least this reason, the Applicants submit that claim 1 is not anticipated by Ryu and respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejection. Claims 3-5 and 19 depend from what should be an allowable claim 1. For at least this reason, the Applicants submit that claims 3-5 and 19 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections.

Claim 58 has been amended in a non-narrowing manner to recite a light guide plate comprising "a light reflection pattern formed on the first light emission surface, for reflecting light toward the second light emission surface, the light reflection pattern including a plurality of dots, each of the dots having a prism pattern formed on a corresponding dot *and elongated in a specific direction.*" Ryu does not teach these features. As indicated above with respect to claim 1, Ryu teaches a contour of each cell defines an embossment pattern and an intaglio pattern, respectively. Further, Ryu teaches a contour of each cell formed on a bottom of a depression defined on the surface of the light guide panel as shown in FIGs. 7a and 7b, whereby the cell is composed of a plurality of micro cells defining an embossment pattern and an intaglio pattern, respectively. Ryu is devoid of teaching "each of the dots having a prism pattern formed on a corresponding dot and elongated in a specific direction" as recited in Applicants' claim 58.

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According, the Applicants submit that claim 58 is not anticipated by Ryu and respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejection. Claims 59, 60 and 62 depend from what should be an allowable claim 58. For at least this reason, the Applicants submit that claims 59, 60, and 62 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 103

Claims 6, 20, and 61 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Ryu in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,390,436 issued to Ashall.

Claims 6 and 20 depend from what should be an allowable claim 1. Claim 61 depends from what should be an allowable claim 58. For at least these reasons, it is believed that claims 6, 20, and 61 are in condition for allowance. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.

New claim 63 is believed to patentable over Ryu and also over Ryu in view of Ashall. Claim 63 recites a light guide plate comprising "a light reflection pattern formed on the first light emission surface, for reflecting light toward the second light emission surface, the light reflection pattern including a plurality of dots, each of the dots having a prism pattern formed on a corresponding dot, wherein dots each have light reflecting surfaces elongated in a selected direction." For at least the reasons advanced above with respect to claim 58, it is believed that new claim 63 is in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicants' attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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